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SUBJECT: JSA AGREEMENT

BELOW IS PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED FOR DEPARTMENT
SPOKESMAN TO USE ON SEPTEMBER 6 FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT
OF JSA AGREEMENT.

QUESTION:

HOW DO YOU VIEW THE AGREEMENT THAT WAS REACHED AT
PANMUNJOM?

ANSWER:

WE CONSIDER THIS A USEFUL AGREEMENT WHICH WILL HELP
REDUCE INCIDENTS IN THE PANMUNJOM AREA BY CONFINING
THE MILITARY PERSONNEL OF BOTH SIDES TO THEIR RESPECTIVE
SIDES OF THE MILITARY DEMARCATION LINE. IT ALSO PRO-
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VIDES FOR THE REMOVAL OF FOUR NORTH KOREAN GUARD POSTS

LOCATED ON THE UNC SIDE OF THE DEMARCATION LINE. I MIGHT NOTE THAT PROPOSALS SIMILAR TO THE AGREEMENT JUST SIGNED WERE PUT FORWARD BY THE UN COMMAND IN 1970.

QUESTION: HOW CAN YOU EXPLAIN THE RELATIVELY POSITIVE

ATTITUDE SHOWN BY THE NORTH KOREANS WHICH RESULTED IN THIS AGREEMENT?

ANSWER: I AM RELUCTANT TO SPECULATE ABOUT NORTH KOREAN INTENTIONS BUT I ASSUME THAT OUR FIRM RESPONSE TO THE AUGUST 18 INCIDENT HAD A SOBERING EFFECT ON PYONGYANG.

QUESTION: HOW DOES THIS AFFECT RELATIONSHIPS ALONG THE DMZ GENERALLY?

ANSWER: THE AGREEMENT DEALS WITH SECURITY IN THE JSA ITSELF, RULES GOVERNING MOVEMENT ELSEWHERE IN THE DMZ REMAIN THE SAME.

QUESTION: DO YOU SEE THIS AGREEMENT HAVING ANY LONGER TERM IMPACT ON THE KOREAN SECURITY SITUATION?

ANSWER: I WOULDN'T WANT TO SPECULATE ON THIS. THE AGREEMENT DEALS ONLY WITH SECURITY IN THE JSA. THE BASIC VALIDITY AND STRUCTURE OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT REMAINS UNCHANGED. THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MACHINERY AND PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED BY THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT HAVE BEEN UNDERSCORED BY THE NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO THE NEW JSA ARRANGEMENTS.

QUESTION: HOW DOES THIS AFFECT THE ALERT STATUS OF US FORCES?

ANSWER: (REFER TO DOD)

QUESTION: WILL THE B52 FLIGHTS CONTINUE, AND IF SO, WHY?

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ANSWER:(REFER TO DOD)

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